Might Carry All the Tonnage of Buffale to New York Free of Charge and Save Money - Some Contrasting Figures of the New York Central's Operations.

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With the money which the Davis law proposes to sink in the Eric Canal the State old build a four-track railroad on the banks of the canal, equip it in the most modern fashion and carry free of charge to any one every pound of freight that comes to the port of Buffalo.

With the canal as a road bed and no right of way to secure from Buffalo to Albany the road could be constructed and equipped for less than \$20,000,000, or one fifth of the sum which it is proposed to spend on a water way which offers, at the highest estimate, but ten round trips a year for

Until a year ago this month the capital stock of the New York Central was but \$115,000,000. It was then increased to \$150 .-000,000. This capital represents not only the ownership of all main lines and branches but the control and actual operation of seventeen other railroads, including the Boston and Albany and the West Shore, which is a line running clear to Buffalo. The main line of the Central from Buffalo to New York is 441 miles long. It operates 3,357 miles in this State. It owns 1,802 locomotives, 2,058 passenger coaches, 61,962 freight cars, 1,822 service cars and 194 boats. Its stock is now valued at \$130 a share. It pays \$6,000,000 a year in dividends. It paid more than \$3,000,000 in taxes last year and earned \$40,000,000 in carrying

These figures, which were disclosed at the meeting of the New York Central stockholders at Albany last week, must satisfy any one that the State, owning a right of way, the best that could be chosen, could build the finest railroad in the world for a fraction of the \$101,000,000 which the Davis bill plans to spend on the enlarged

While the New York Central turns \$3,000 000 into the State in taxes and pays \$6,000,000 to its stockholders in dividends, besides expending 60 per cent. of its earnings in wages among the citizens of New York, the proposed enlarged canal will be a fixed expense of \$8,000,000 a year to the State for fifty years at least. The payments on principal and interest and the regular cost of maintenance conservatively figured mount to that immense sum.

If the transportation question were one

of reason rather than tradition, of business rather than reckless extravagance, these contrasts of figures might appeal to the sane minds of the voters. "The canal is necessary to keep railroad

rates down," say the canal partisans. But the canal has not served that purpose in many years, and the new canal, should it be finished in five years, will have been passed by the advancements in steam and electric transportation and the economies of new inventions. But if it is the business of the State to spend \$8,000,000 a year to keep railroad rates down it might accomplish that much easier by building a four-track road for one-fifth of the appropriation of the Davis bill and it could carry freight free the year round, while

whether the vast millions shall be fed to the canal. The Odell machine, which proposes to fatten for a full year at least on he appropriation, is now planning to bring out the vote up-State with the argument that the city of New York will have to pay 69 per cent. of the cost. So it will, and increasing values year by year will increase that proportion.

the canal will be frozen up for six months

WOOD-SAWING CHAMPIONSHIP.

Another Connecticut Man Rises to Claim First Honors in the Fleid.

NEW HAVEN, April 19 .- Wood-sawing contests have sprung up all over Connecticut since the announcement ten days ago that Ralph Sellew of Marlborough, Conn., sawed on Good Friday seventeen cords of wood, wo cuts to a stick, in five hours and made

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D. S. Spencer of Saybrook Point is the latest wood sawyer to claim greater honors than Mr. Sellew. His wood-sawing feat was accomplished before Mr. Sellew made known his prowess. John T. Beckwith, for whom Mr. Spencer worked, is authority for the following statement:

"D. S. Spencer sawed for me twenty-one cords of hard wood in six hours and thirty minutes, making three cuts to the stick. Mr. Sellew claims that he sawed the sticks in two cuts to a stick, with one or two men to help. Mr Spencer kept three men passing wood to him and one taking wood from the saw. Had Mr Sellew and his man or two made the same number of cuts his time for sawing the seventeen cords would be 7 hours \$2½ minutes, and for sawing twenty-one cords 9 hours and 25½ minutes."

Mr. Spencer has witnesses and claims the championship. He says he is willing to enter a wood-sawing contest at any time with Mr. Sellew if some one will furnish the wood and pay for the sawing at the regular rates.

HAWAII'S LABOR TROUBLES.

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Whites Organizing to Drive Out the Orienta Workmen.

HONOLULU, April 7.-Labor troubles Hawaii have reached an acute stage. The white mechanics are protesting at the excess of Orientals in the country. At a mass meeting in Hilo a demand was made that laws be enacted requiring a license for all mechanics, with such restrictions that neither Chinese nor Japanese could become eligible. The signers to the petition sent to the Legislature agreed to employ "only citizen labor, that we will work only by the side of citizen labor; that we will not finish or contract to finish any work begun by aliens; and that in all matters where aliens are in competition with American citizens we will give the preference to the latter in our personal dealings.

A union is being formed to drive out the Orientals which will be composed of carpenters, fishermen, stone masons, barbers, electricians, teamsters, bricklayers, painters, harness makers and stevedores. They have already completed a preliminary organization and demanded that no Asiatics be employed on any work. The House has already passed a bill limiting hackdrivers' licenses to citizens, which has brought an expinatio protest from Japanese and Chinese who control the business. mechanics, with such restrictions that

SKELETONS OF THE BAST BOYS.

Remains of the Students Who Were Drowned in January Found in the Schuylkill. POTTSVILLE., Pa., April 19.—What are believed to be the skeletons of the two Bast boys, who were drowned while coasting boys, who were drowned while coasting at Schuylkill Haven, were discovered in the Schuylkill River a mile below Port Clinton this evening by William Kessler of Pottaville. Kessler was crossing the river in a skiff when he saw the bones of the boys, apparently locked together, lying at the bottom of the river. The stream is deep and narrow at this point, and he was unable to stop, but the river will be dredged to-morrow. The Bast toys, two bright students of the Schuylkill Haven High School, while coasting last January, allowed their sled to run on the river and were engulfed.

CLOWN'S A CAPITALIST.

Let Johnson's Jests Prosper in Your Ears Next Time You Go to the Circus.

Spader Johnson, clown of Barnum & Bailey's circus, has just inherited a fortune of \$150,000 in England, according to a letter from a London lawyer and also according to Tody Hamilton. In other words the authorship of which is easily traceable, and the second of the se *Dame Fortune has poked her nose under he canvas."

The author puts it a lot of other ways, too. In the fifth column of his short arti-cle on Spader Johnson's luck, Tody says there is "a new joy in the kingdom of Momus."

In addition to the \$150,000 which Spa is to receive from the estate of his late grandfather. Luke Weatherby, of Here-

grandfather. Luke Weatherby, of Hereford, there is "a considerable fortune in personal property." which, at a late hour this morning, the arithmeticians of the circus had not finished estimating.

The fourth chapter, subdivision F, of the story is entitled "An Old Man's Gratitude" and tells how Spader, who was supposed to be dead, turned up unexpectedly at the old home in Hereford in 1899 (whem the only greatest show on earth was in that city) and gave his overjoyed grandfather two complimentary tickets for front-row seats and a pass to all the sideshows.

There is just one suggestion of sadness all through the long story. It appears that tears fell on Spader's painted face in the "mad and joyous arena of careless merriment," because, while the thousands roared at his merry quipe, poor Spader was thinking of the old grandfather in far away Hereford whom he had not seen since sending him the front-row seats.

Then there is more sympathy for the clown, because, as is stated here and there in the story, Spader cannot fly to his riches until the end of the season, because of his contract with the only greatest show on earth.

THE SUNDAY CONCERTS.

Good Programmes Draw Large Audiences, Despite Fine Weather Outdoors.

The comparatively few theatres at which Sunday concerts were held last night had large audiences. At all the four Proctor theatres there were concerts, and the programme at each was attractive and varied. Among the leading features at the Twenty-third Street Theatre were John and Emma Ray, Kathryn Osterman and company, Barton and Wakefield, and Kessner and Bennett. At the Fifth Avenue were Press Eldridge, Teddy Peiper, Ferguson and Mack, James A. Kiernan and Jessie Mae Hall. The Fifty-eighth Street had Tim Cronin and Hill and Whittaker, while the specialists at the 125th Street were A. O. Duncan, Hal Davis and Inez Macauley, Gavin and Platt, and the

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The entertainers at the Circle were La Mar and Gabriel, Emma Carus, Stinson and Merton, Countess Olga von Hatzfeldt, Jess Dandy, the Orpheus Comedy Four, Mr. and Mrs. Swickard and John F. Clark.

Several new groups and figures were put on exhibition at the Eden Musée yesterday. In the afternoon and evening the new Pomeranian Orchestra was heard.

The list at Hurtig & Seamon's included Eugene O'Rourke and company, Genaro and Bailey, Cushman, Holcom and Curtis, James Bichmond Glenroy, the Four Cuttys, John Le Clair and the Three Polos.

The attractions presented by Ted Marks at the American were headed by Nat Wills, Josephine Sabel, Sullivan and Pasquelena, Glenroy brothers, the Carmen eisters, Tascot, the Broadway Trio, Ben Fox and Minnie Summers and Henry and Gallot.

At the Dewey there were the Grand Opera Trio, La Mar and Gabriel, the Musical Johnsons, Mamie Remington and company. Coakley and McBride. Charles Harris, Sullivan and Pasquelena, Fred Watson and Robert Recker's Harmonists.

Among the appearances at the Grand Opera House were Al Leach and the Three Rosebuds, the Motor Girl, Ernest Hogan, Artie Hall, Barry and Halvers, the Swickards, Gorman and West and Robinson and Dunn.

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Concerts were held in Brooklyn at the Orpheum, Hyde & Behman's, the Gayety and the Columbia. The entertainment at the Columbia was for the benefit of Gus Collins, the treasurer of the house.

HELD UP BY THREE WOMEN. One Stole His Pin-All Four Arrested and Locked Up.

While Henry Bickert of 227 Roebling street, Williamsburg was returning to his home early yesterday morning he was accosted at Broadway and Walton street hy three young women, Lizzie Smith, 25 years old, of 57 Harrison avenue; Clara Prich, 22 years old, of 863 Park avenue, and Emma Freiburg, 21 years old, 220 Throop

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The Freiburg woman stole Bickert's gold scarf pin. Bickert grabbed her and she fought him. The other two women helped her and made him let go his hold. Then all three women ran, pursued by Bickert, who shouted for help.

Detectives Edwards and Falvey, of the Clymer street police station, who had been watching the women, captured them. Bickert demanded his pin and it was returned.

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The man refused to have the woman or her companions arrested but the detectives took all four to the police station where, as Bickert refused to make a complaint, all were locked up on the charge of disorderly conduct. When they were arraigned yesterday in the Lee avenue police court Magistrate O'Reilly adjourned the hearing until to-day.

PRES'T WILSON'S WESTERN TRIP. cheduled for 7 Addresses-Will Attend PRINCETON. N. J., April 19.-President

Woodrow Wilson will leave Princeton the first of this week on his Western lecturing trip. The tour includes seven addresses, the first of which will be at Ann Arbor on April 21. On the 24th he will address the Princeton Alumni Association of the Northwest at their annual reunion in St. Paul; on the 25th the New Century Lecture Club at St. Paul; on the 26th the University Club of St. Louis on "The Expansion and Character of the United States;" on the 29th the Princeton Club of St. Louis at their annual dinner; on the 30th he will be a guest at the opening of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition; on May 2 he will address the Western Association of Princeton clubs at Cincinnati; on May 5 he will make his last address on the trip before the Twentieth Century Club of Chicago on "Patriotism."

Returning to Princeton President Wilson will be the guest of honor at the annual dinner of the Princeton Club of Newark on May 45. first of this week on his Western lecturing

BURNED HIS FATHER'S SERMON. As a Result There Was a Hasty Exchange of Pulpits in New Haven.

NEW HAVEN, April 19.-The Rev. Artemu Haines, pastor of the United Church, and the Rev. George Foster Prentiss, pastor of the Davenport Church, two of the leading Congregational churches of this city, exchanged pulpits last Sunday without giving their congregations notice. The reason for the sudden change became public to-day. Mr. Haines, who preaches to a congregation composed largely of Yale professors, prepared his Sunday sermon in the early part of the week. Last week he followed his usual plan, but was called away from home on Friday morning, leaving his manuscript in his study. The young son of Mr. Haines discovered it later in the day and used it to kindle a bonfire. On Mr. Haines's return he found the ashes. On Saturday morning Mr. Haines attempted to write another sermon, but gave it up and decided to ask Mr. Prentiss to exchange pulpits with him so as to give him a chance to use an old manuscript. the Davenport Church, two of the leading

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THE TROY M. E. CONFERENCE. Love Feast in the Morning-Four Deacons and as Many Elders Ordained. a Woman's Saloon. SARATOGA. April 19.- This has been an

eventful day of the seventy-first session of the Troy Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church and will long be remembered by those who crowded the spacious Washington Street Church. Rev. Chipman R. Hawley of Saratoga Springs led the Conference love feast. which opened at 9 o'clock this morning. The regular service began at 10:30 o'clock, when a sermon was delivered by Bishop Charles C. McCabe, whose text was the seventh verse of the second chapter of Haggai.

Four deacons and as many elders were ordained this afternoon by the Bishop, who was assisted by Presiding Elders Stevens of Albany, Brown of Rutland, Eaton of Plattsburg, Hughes and Gates of Troy. The class included the Revs. R. T. Edwards of Manchester, G. E. Stright of Dannemora, Leroy Weller of Blue Mountain

Edwards of Manchester, G. E. Stright of Dannemora, Leroy Weller of Blue Mountain Lake, and Robert Nivison of Bleecker, deacons, and the Revs. G. C. Douglass of Castleton, C. P. Hogle of Ellenburg, E. P. French of Essex and C. S. Coulter of Stony Creek, elders.

The Rev. Dr. T. A. Griffin of Troy conducted the Conference memorial services which followed. Eight members of Conference had passed away since the session of 1902. The necrological list includes the Revs. Dr. Caleb C. Bedell and Alvin C. Rose of Troy, George A. Barrett of Lake Placid, Joseph Sweifel of Northville, John F. Clymer of Ithaca, Richard Brown of Odessa, Mo.; John Graves of Saratoga Springs, and Thomas W. Harwood of Round Lake. Tributes were paid to their memories by ministers designated by the committee on memoirs.

The Church Extension Society anniversary occupied the entire evening session, which was presided over by the president, the Rev. Dr. E. J. McKernan of Valley Falls. The principal addresses were made by the Rev. Dr. James M. King of Philadelphia and Bishop McCabe.

Man With the Red Book Held. John W. Vrost, the mining man of 62 West 102d street, whose overcoat was stolen from the Red room at the Waldorf-Astoria on Saturday afternoon, ap-peared in Jefferson Market police court peared in Jefferson Market police court yesterday to prosecute John Lake, the man who is accused of the theft. Mrs. Jean Massey, who says she saw Lake take the garment, and who identified him partly by a red book he carried, was also present. Magistrate Barlow held Lake under \$500 bonds for trial.

Lake is an Englishman who says he has been soliciting advertisements for a book interested to multish. ON THE WAY TO BE A COP AGAIN Lezenbee, Arrester of Women, Arrested in

Walter Lezenbee a policeman, who was dismissed from the force some time ago but who expects to be reinstated on Wedneswho expects to be reinstated on Wednes-day, was a prisoner in the Jefferson Market police court yesterday. He was charged with creating a disturbance in Mrs. Rice's saloon in Thirtieth street near Broadway on Saturday night, and was held for ex-amination to-day. Lezenbee was formerly attached to the Tenderloin police station and made a reputation for the number of disorderly women he arrested.

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Sembrich, Van Cauteren, Bauermeister: Messrs.
De Marchl, Gilbert, Dufriche, Bars, Vanni. Conductor, Mr. Flon.
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